

JAPAN PUTS SPIES ON AMERICAN WARSHIPS

Subjects of Mikado Take Positions as Servants and Then Make Drawings of Vessels for Their Government.

Secret Agents of Far Eastern Empire Also Enter Service at Navy Yards in Order to Secure Secrets.

Authorities at Washington Issue Orders Excluding Brown Men From Employment in All Branches of Marine Work.

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NEW YORK, Saturday, June 2.—Roused by the discovery, it is said, that the Japanese government has been securing important information as to the equipment and personnel of the United States navy through Japanese servants employed on United States battleships, Secretary Bonaparte issued orders today excluding all Japanese from employment in the navy, afloat or ashore. Their places are to be filled with native-born Americans, white or colored.

One of the contributing causes for this unusual order is revealed in a story told by officers of the North Atlantic squadron now anchored in New York waters.

Less than a month ago a midshipman discovered a Japanese steward making remarkably accurate drawings of the turret section of one of the newest type of battleships. Search of his personal effects disclosed the fact that he had been working secretly for weeks on plans of the ship, and was a remarkably fine draughtsman.

The case was reported at once to the navy department, as well as similar discoveries said to have been made at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Commenting on the order, Surgeon-General Takaki of the Japanese navy, who recently arrived here enroute from Europe to Tokyo, regretted that such discoveries had been made, but admitted frankly that the action of the American authorities was a wise one.

"The United States is simply adopting a rule long established in the Japanese navy," he added. "We have not permitted a single foreigner on board any Japanese vessel during or since the late war, except on special invitation."